



## Lafayette Police Department Press Release



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For Immediate Release:

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At or about 10:26am, 2/28/2009, Lafayette Police received a report of a robbery occurring at the Marathon Gas Station, 1103 Teal Road. The initial investigation revealed that a black male, wearing a jacket, entered the store and asked the clerk for merchandise. During the transaction, the suspect reached into the cash register, taking an undisclosed amount of cash. At one point during the theft, the suspect and the clerk became engaged in a physical confrontation. The suspect then fled the store.

Information was developed identifying a suspect vehicle which led officers to the area of West Street in Lafayette. The suspect vehicle was located unoccupied in the 600 Block of West Street. As officers established a perimeter of the area, a black male wearing a jacket was observed by police officers, running away from the area of the 600 Block of West Street. As officers attempted to engage this individual, a foot chase ensued. This foot chase ended in the area of Washington Street and Weaver Court when the individual became engaged in a physical confrontation with Officer Scott Swick. The individual was taken into custody and charged with Attempting to Disarm an Officer and Resisting Law Enforcement.

The individual was identified as Ricardo L. Bonner, age 55, of Lafayette, IN. Bonner was also identified as the registered owner of the suspect vehicle believed to have been involved in the robbery. Further investigation resulted in the identification of Bonner as the individual involved in the Robbery and confrontation with the clerk at the Marathon Gas Station.

Bonner was charged with Robbery relating to the Marathon Gas Station. The suspect vehicle was impounded for further investigation. An undisclosed amount of cash was recovered from Bonner's person that was similar with the monies reported stolen in the robbery.

Bonner was transported to St. Elizabeth Hospital where he is currently being treated for injuries sustained during the incident and subsequent arrest. Once released, Bonner will be incarcerated in the Tippecanoe County Jail.

The investigation is continuing...

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